

INVESTING IN AMERICAN JOBS AND CLOSING TAX LOOPHOLES ACT OF 2010

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 6–3, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5893, the “Investing in American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act of 2010.” The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Finally, the rule waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against any resolution reported from the Rules Committee through the calendar day of Sunday, August 1, 2010. Testimony was heard by Chairman Levin.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 7–3, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5850, the “Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2011.” The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read through page 171, line 17. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order the following amendments: (1) the amendments printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules; and (2) not to exceed four of the amendments printed in part B of the report if offered by Representative Flake of Arizona or his designee. The rule provides that each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides that for those amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole, the question of their adoption shall be put to the

House en gros and without division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule provides that after disposition of the amendments specified in the first section of the rule, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees each may offer one pro forma amendment to the bill for the purpose of debate, which shall be controlled by the proponent. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee. Finally, the rule provides that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill. Testimony was heard by Representatives Olver, Cardoza, Peters, Latham, Culberson, Sessions, Turner, Jordan, Roe (TN), and Thompson (PA).

NUCLEAR ENERGY RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 5866, Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 2010.

SBA OVERSIGHT

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Small Business Administration and Its Programs.” Testimony was heard from Karen Mills, Administrator, SBA; and Gregory Kutz, Managing Director, Forensics Audits and Special Investigations, GAO.

VA COST CONTROLS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Continued oversight hearings of Inadequate Cost Control at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Susan Ragland, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO; Edward Murray, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Finance, Department of Veterans Affairs.

BRIEFING—DIVERSITY PRACTICES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Diversity Practices. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING—SOMALIA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Somalia. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.